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SUBJECT: TRANSIT OF AN-26S THROUGH US

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT FROM DEPARTMENT NEWS BRIEFING THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1978:

Q CAN YOU CONFIRM, TOM, THE STORY IN THE STAR ABOUT THE SOVIET PLANES, THE ANTONOV 26-S TROOP TRANSPORTS BEING ALLOWED TO REFUEL AT BANGOR, MAINE, RALEIGH-DURHAM IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO LAND AT HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE EN ROUTE TO PERU?

A YES. THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU REQUESTED PERMISSION WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS GRANTED FOR THE LANDING AND REFUELLING AT U.S. AIRFIELDS OF EIGHT TRANSPORT PLANES EN ROUTE TO LIMA, PERU, FROM THE SOVIET UNION WHERE THEY WERE MANUFACTURED.

THESE ARE AN-26 TURBOPROP TRANSPORT PLANES, THE CARGO
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VERSION OF THE SOVIET AEROFLOT AN-24.

THERE WILL BE TWO GROUPS OF FOUR PLANES MAKING THE RUN FROM KIEV TO LIMA. THE PLANES WILL CARRY PERUVIAN AIR FORCE MARKINGS AND WILL BE FLOWN BY PERUVIAN AIR FORCE CREWS. STARTING FROM KIEV, THE PLANES WILL TOUCH DOWN IN COPENHAGEN, GLASGOW, KEFLAVIK NAVAL AIR STATION IN ICELAND,

SONDERSTROM, GREENLAND, AND GOOSEBAY, LABRADOR, BEFORE ENTERING THE UNITED STATES.

THE FIRST GROUP OF FOUR PLANES IS SCHEDULED TO OVERNIGHT AND REFUEL IN BANGOR, MAINE, ON MAY 28, AND TO OVERNIGHT AND REFUEL THE NEXT DAY AT RALEIGH-DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA. FROM THERE THEY WILL PROCEED TO HAVANA, THEN TO HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE IN PANAMA, BEFORE BEGINNING THE LAST LEG OF THEIR JOURNEY TO LIMA.

THE SECOND GROUP OF FOUR PLANES WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURES AND THE SAME ROUTE TWO DAYS LATER WHICH WILL BRING THEM INTO BANGOR ON MAY 30.

WE UNDERSTAND THESE EIGHT TRANSPORT PLANES ARE THE LAST OF A GROUP OF 16 WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU PURCHASED FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN 1977. THE FIRST EIGHT PLANES IN THE PURCHASE WERE DELIVERED TO PERU EARLIER USING THE ROUTE I HAVE DESCRIBED -- FOUR IN NOVEMBER 1977 AND ANOTHER FOUR IN THE FIRST MONTH OF THIS YEAR.

MAY I JUST ADD THAT THERE WILL BE NO SOVIET PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THESE AIRCRAFT ON THESE TWO PARTICULAR SORTIES OF PLANES THAT ARE GOING ON THIS MONTH.

Q WERE THERE SOVIET PERSONNEL ON THE EARLIER RUNS?
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A I BELIEVE THERE WAS ON ONE OF THE SORTIES EARLIER AND NOT ON THE OTHER.

Q THEY MUST HAVE A SHORT RANGE.

A I THINK THEIR MAXIMUM RANGE IS 1,200 STATUTE MILES. VANCE

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